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Application No.: 09/583,228
Filing Date: May 26, 2000
Applicant: Seth
Group Art Unit: 1615
Examiner: M. Bahar
Title: SUSTAINED RELEASE VERAPAMIL
PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION FREE OF FOOD
EFFECT AND A METHOD FOR ALLEVIATING FOOD
EFFECT IN DRUG RELEASE
Attorney Docket: 4858-000004

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 22, 2001, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Applicant hereby petitions under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a three month(s) extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action. Applicant has included a Fee Transmittal with this response for such extension of time. With a three month extension, reply is timely on or before November 22, 2001.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and accompanying remarks.